

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING MARCH 13, 2001

The Hall County Board of Corrections met from recessed regular session and by published call March 13, 2001.

Members present were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Lonnie Logan. Also present were Corrections Director Dave Arnold and Assistant Director Todd Wink.

11:23 a.m. Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into a board of corrections meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

CORRECTIONS DIRECTORS REPORT: Corrections Director Dave Arnold was present and he stated he has been the corrections director for one year as of March 28, 2001. It is a good department but it needed to be fine-tuned. In the packet he included information on officer safety issues. Arnold reported that the jail is now certified as a lab collection site for various medical testing and he hopes that this will lower lab costs to the department. He reported that they have a new program coordinator and he is working with agencies in town for various inmate programs that reduces idle time for the inmates. They have increased cell searches 250% over last six-months. They do every cell in the jail with the assistance of the county sheriff's department and the state patrol. This has helped the amount of contraband in the cells and with each subsequent cell search the contraband continues to decrease. They are also doing searches of the vendors that come into the jail. He reported that the department tries every avenue that they know to get medical bills paid for or reimbursed. They have added additional lighting in outside recreation area so the inmates can be taken outside. They have updated the correction department manual to include all of the recent changes. The department has purchased new radios for the officers. Logan thanked Mr. Arnold for the information for long range plan. Mr. Arnold reported that the daily average is down to 105. He expressed his concern on a shortage of isolation cells. The inmates are disciplined by placing them in the isolation cells and now they have to schedule in advance for the isolation cells. Arnold stated that LB 786 will stiffen the penalties for bringing contraband into the jail this bill also addresses items that have been altered. Mr. Arnold stated that he hope this bill will be approved by the legislature.

Arnold stated that in the 2000-2001 budget the board had approved the purchase of a used van. He stated that last year the previous director was appointed as a special purchasing agent for the purpose of purchasing the van and he asked if he should use this procedure or if he should use the regular bidding process. Logan made a motion and Humiston seconded to appoint Corrections Director Dave Arnold as a special purchasing agent for the purchase of a van. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Landis all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Arnold also reported that they require inmates to wear a wrist bracelet with a picture on it this give a positive identification of the inmates. Arnold complimented Mr. Arnold and the Corrections Department on jail searches and on reporting property damage in the jail to the sheriff for prosecution

EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL: Humiston made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Erikson, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11:30 a.m. executive session

12:20 a.m. Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Erikson, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on replacement windows for the jail. Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to advertise for bids to change the windows in the jail and to bring them up to jail standards. Arnold, Erikson, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

12:30 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to go out of the board of corrections meeting. Arnold, Erikson, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk